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since the art of printing was invented; despotism. text, Nahum ii, 4, "They shall seem like torches; they shall run like the

tendom and in many lands outside of tendom and in many lands outside of just the opposite of what we did say, Christendom. Many have wondered at and there is a small riot of semicolous the process by which it has come to and hyphens and commas, and we come pass, and for the first time in public to write or talk about the "blundering came to me and said that for lack of But this morning I ask you to consider funds he must stop his studying unless the immeasurable and everlasting blessthrough stenography I would give him sketches of sermons, that he might by

I find no difficulty in a the sale of them secure means for the the world's advance. What has made completion of his education. I positive- the change? "Books," you say. No, sir. ly declined, because it seemed to me an The vast majority of citizens do not impossibility, but after some months read books. Take this audience or any had passed and I had reflected upon the other promiscuous assemblage, and how great sadness for such a brilliant young many histories bave they read? How man to be defeated in his ambition for many treatises on constitutional law or the legal profession I undertook to serve him-of course free of charge. Within How many elaborate poems or books of

ing that there was hardly room for them and for myself in this continent, began take down such reply as I might make. and so they telegraphed the sermons to their particular papers.

Organization of the Syndicate New York systematized the work into a the newspaper to be the grand agency syndicate until through that and other syndicates he has put the discourses week by week before more than 20,000,-000 people on both sides the sea. There have been so many guesses on this subject, many of them inaccurate, that I the sheets fly out, I hear the voice of now tell the true story. I have not im- the Lord Almighty proclaiming to all proved the opportunity as I ought, but the dead nations of the earth, "Lazarus, I feel the time has come when as a mat- come forth!" and to the retreating ter of common justice to the newspaper | surges of darkness, "Let there be light!" press I should make this statement in In many of our city newspapers, pro-

nention in this connection showing how an insignificant event might influence us for a lifetime. Many years to church in Brooklyn a representative of not deal in platitudes and inanities."

And now how can I more appropri ately commemorate the two thousandth

erary, commercial, scientific, agricul-

Early Struggles of the Press. the redemption of Hungary. Napoleon of God must go down to this time, when I, wanting to keep his iron heel on the the printing press and the pulpit are in the neck of nations, said that the newspaper hundreds of glorious combinations and was the regent of kings and the only alliances!

He must write in fetid alleyways. Added to all that he must have hasty

on. But the great battle for the freedom of the press was fought in the DISTINGUISHED DIVINE TELLS HOW courtrooms of England and the United States before this century began, when Hamilton made his great speech in behalf of the freedom of J. Peter Zenger's Gazette in America, and when Erskine made his great speech in behalf of the freedom to publish Paine's "Rights of Man" in England. Those were the Mar-

Copyright, 1898, by American Press Asso-clation.) athon and the Thermopyle where the Washington, Feb. 20.-For the first freeom of the press in England and time Dr. Talmage in this discourse tells America, and all the powers of earth in what way his sermons have come to and hell will never again be able to put a multiplicity of publication such as upon the printing press the handcuffs has never in any other case been known and the hopples of literary and political

It is remarkable that Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Inde-Express, rail train and telegraphic communication are suggested if not fore-without newspapers and newspapers told in this text, and from it I start to without a government, I would prefer preach a sermon in gratitude to God and the latter." Stung by some new fabrithe newspaper press for the fact that I cation in print, we come to write or have had the opportunity of delivering speak about an "unbridled printing through the newspaper press 2,000 ser-mens or religious addresses, so that I just criticism, we come to write or have for many years been allowed the privilege of preaching the gospel every Perhaps through our own indistinctness week to every neighborhood in Chris- of utterance we are reported as saying plass, and for the first time in public place I state the three causes. Many years ago a young man who has since become eminent in his profession was then studying law in a distant city. He

I find no difficulty in accounting for political economy or works of science? three weeks there came a request for travel? Not many. In the United States those stenographic reports from many parts of the continent. the people would not average one such book a year for each individual. Whence Time passed on, and some gentlemen then this intelligence, this capacity to of my own profession, evidently think- talk about all themes, secular and religious; this acquaintance with science to assail me, and became so violent in their assault that the chief newspapers the newspaper, swift winged and everyof America put special correspondents where present, flying over the fence, in my church Sabbath by Sabbath to shoved under the door, tossed into the counting house, laid on the work bench, I never made reply, except once for hawked through the cars. All read itabout three minutes, but those corre- white and black, German, Irishman, spondents could not waste their time, Swiss, Spaniard, American, old and young, good and bad, sick and well, be-fore breakfast and after tea, Monday morning, Saturday night, Sunday and After awhile Dr. Louis Klopsch of weekday. I now declare that I consider by which the gospel is to be preached, ignorance cast out, oppression dethroned, crime extirpated, the world raised, sermon commemorative of the two fessing no more than secular informa-

Good and Bad Newspapers. There are only two kinds of newspapers-the one good, very good; the ago on a Sabbath morning on my way other bad, very bad. A newspaper may is put away without any special care, I be started with an undecided character. prominent newspaper met me and but after it has been going on for years of that city love tainted meat. You 'points' all the time in our pulpits and est agency on earth for making the not deal in platitudes and inanities." world better. The other paper is a brig-say, "It is shockingly dull tonight." I That one interrogation put to me that and among moral forces, it is a bemorning started in me the desire of slimer of reputation, it is the right paper press that the people of this counmaking points all the time and nothing arm of death and bell, it is the mightiest try demand moral slush instead of heal agency in the universe for making the thy and intellectual food. Now you are world worse and battling against the a respectable man, an intelligent man, cause of God-the one an angel of in- and a paper comes into your hand. You publication than by speaking of the telligence and mercy, the other a fiend open it, and there are three columns of newspaper press as an ally of the pulpit of darkness. Between this archangel splendidly written editorial, recomand mentioning some of the trials of newspaper men?

and this fury is to be fought the great battle which is to decide the fate of the ling some scientific theory. In the next battle which is to decide the fate of the | ing some scientific theory. In the next The newspaper is the great educator world. If you have any doubt as to column there is a miserable, contemptiof the nineteenth century. There is no of the nineteenth century. There is no force compared with it. It is book, pulpit, platform, forum, all in one. And there is not an interest—religious, little der down the wrong are now unlimber. Which is to be victor, ask the prophecies, ble divorce case. Which do you read ask God. The chief batteries with which is the would vindicate the right and thundred there is not an interest—religious, little der down the wrong are now unlimber. there is not an interest-religious, lit- der down the wrong are now unlimbered. The great Armageddon of the natural or mechanical—that is not within | tions is not to be fought with swords, its grasp. All our churches, and schools, but with steel pens; not with bullets, then you ask your wife if she has read and colleges, and asylums, and art gal- but with type; not with cannon, but leries feel the quaking of the printing with lightning perfecting presses, and the Sumters and the Moultries and the They know what you want, and they The institution of newspapers arose Pulaskis and the Gibraltars of that conin Italy. In Venice the first newspaper | flict will be the editorial and reportorial was published, and monthly during the rooms of our great newspaper establish- but pure, honest, healthful newspapers time Venice was warring against Soly- ments. Men of the press, God has put a nothing but pure, honest and healthful man the second in Dalmatia it was more stupendous responsibility upon newspapers would be published. If you printed for the purpose of giving miliport and upon any other class of personal information to the tary and commercial information to the sons. What long strides your profession porters of this country in one great con-Venetians. The first newspaper pub-lished in England was in 1588 and the day when Peter Sheffer invented paper they would prefer to publish, I called The English Mercury. Who can | cast metal type, and because two books estimate the political, scientific, com-mercial and religious revolutions roused to the work of the devil, and books were ing paper." So long as there is an inmercial and religious revolutions roused to the work of the devil, and books were up in England for many years past by the press?

Jesse Glover originated the first Ameri-The first attempt at this institution can printing press, and the common a debauched newspaper, but I am sayin France was in 1631, by a physician, who published The News, for the tion offered \$200 to any printer who amusement and health of his patients. would come there and live, and when The French nation understood fully the speaker of the house of parliament how to appreciate this power. So early in England announced with indignation as in 1820 there were in Paris 169 jour- that the public prints had recognized surrounds them. Every occupation and nals. But in the United States the newspaper has come to unlimited sway. Some of their doings, until in this day, profession has temptations peculiar to when we have in this country many itself, and the newspaper profession is paper has come to unlimited sway.

Though in 1775 there were but 37 in thousands of skilled stenographers and thousands of skilled stenographers and not an exception. The great demand, the whole country, the number of published journals is now counted by thoubillion. The press and the telegraph and the brain is racked. The blunder its sands, and today—we may as well achave gone down into the same great political speech must read well for the knowledge it as not—the religious and have gone down into the same great political speech must read well for the harvest field to reap, and the telegraph sake of the party, and so the reporter secular newspapers are the great edu- says to the newspaper, "I'll rake while or the editor has to make it read well, you bind," and the iron teeth of the although every sentence were a catastro-telegraph are set down at one end of the phe to the English language. The re-But, alas, through what struggle the harvest field and drawn clean across, porter must bear all that an inaudible

throw himself upon the upholding grace of God he may make temporal and eternal shipwreck. Another great trial of the newspaper | it stingeth like an adder.' profession is inadequate compensation Since the days of Hazlitt and Sheridan and John Milton and the wailings of Grub street, London, literary toil, with very few exceptions, has not been properly requited. When Oliver Goldsmith received a friend in his house, he (the author) had to sit on the window, be-

anything. Unless an editor or a report-

other side of the screen were apand intellectual exhaustion of the newswill be a great help to you if when you up from the water and brought him to get home late at night fagged out and the morgue they saw by the contour of

promised to be your God and the God of down further and further, until one your children forever! Perverted Appetites Another great trial of the newspaper profession is the diseased appetite for porter's pad, a lead pencil, a photograph unhealthy intelligence. You blame the newspaper press for giving such promithousandth full publication of sermons and religious addresses, saying nothing past 30 years some of the grandest apnence to murders and scandals. Do you of fragmentary reports. which would run up into many thousands more.

There was one included that I might food's government among the nations.

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There was one included that I might foreign and some of the grandest appears would give as he lay there his face was as fair as when seven years before he left his did not demand them? If I go into the did not demand them? If I go into the meat market of a foreign city and I find the for that the butchers haug up on the most conspicuous hooks ment that is tainted, while the meat that is fresh and savory because the world gave him no chance. come to the conclusion that the people Let me ask all men connected with the printing press that they help us Lowest - Possible - Prices and "Are you going to give us any points today?" I said, "What do you mean by 'points?" He replied, "Anything we can remember." I said to dealers in all kinds of the limit when the weight of the making to give us any points today?" I said, "What do you mean by 'points?" He replied, "Anything we can remember." I said to myself, "We ought to be making the fee of crime, the delectation of elevated taste, the mighting the mean by 'points?" He replied, "Anything the ally of virtue, the fee of crime, the delectation of elevated taste, the mighting the points today?" I said to one paper is the embodiment of news, the ally of virtue, the fee of crime, the delectation of elevated taste, the mighting the paper in high position. more and more in the effort to make the believe it is one of the trials of the news-

from the long primer type at the top to the nonpareil type at the bottom, and give it to you. I believe that if the church and the world bought nothing believe they would unanimously say, iquitous demand there will be an iniquitous supply. I make no apology for

and those who read. Another temptation of the newspaper profession is the great allurement that newspaper has come to its present de- and the newspaper gathers up the speaker who thinks it is vulgar to speak relopment! Just as soon as it began to sheaves, setting down one sheaf on the out says, and it must be right the next demonstrate its power superstition and breakfast table in the shape of a morning or the next night in the papers, tyranny shackled it. There is nothing ing newspaper and putting down anthony the night before the whole auditions and putting down and the night in the papers, though the night before the whole auditions and putting down and the night in the papers, the next night in the night night night in the night night in the night ni that despotism so much fears and hates other sheaf on the tea table in the shape ence sat with its hand behind its ear in as the printing press. A great writer in of an evening newspaper, and that man vain trying to catch it. This man must the south of Europe declared that the who neither reads nor takes a newspa- go through killing night work. He must king of Naples had made it unsafe for him to write on any subject save natural history. Austria could not bear ural history. Austria could not bear would be a curiosity. What vast go into heated assemblages and into unprogress since the days when Cardinal wentilated audience rooms that are wolsey declared that either the print-Kossuth's journalistic peu pleading for ing press must go down or the church must visit courtrooms which are almost

bear up under this tremendous nervous One of the great trials of this newsstrain they are tempted to artificial paper profession is the fact that they are stimulus, and how many thousands compelled to see more of the shams of the world than any other profession. have gone down under their pressure God only knows. They must have some Through every newspaper office, day by thing to counteract the wet, they must day, go the weakness of the world, the have something to keep out the chill vanities that want to be puffed, the reand after a scant night's sleep they venges that want to be wreaked, all the must have something to revive them for mistakes that want to be corrected, all the morning's work. This is what made the dull speakers who want to be Horace Greeley such a stout temperance thought elequent, all the meanness that man. I said to him, "Mr. Greeley, why wants to get its wares noticed gratis in are you more eloquent on the subject of the editorial columns in order to save temperance than any other succet?" the tax of the advertising column, all He replied, "I have seen so many of my the tax of the last to be set right who the men who want to be set right who best friends in journalism go down unnever were right, all the crack brained der intemperance. Oh, my dear brother of the newspaper philosophers, with story as long as their hair and as gloomy as their finger nails,

mastication and irregular habits. To

ion, what you cannot do without all the itinerant bores who come to stay artificial stimulus God does not want the editorial and reportorial rooms all the follies and shams of the world are seen day by development. From you to do! There is no half way ground for our literary people between teetotalism and dissipation. seen day by day, and the temptation is success, your domestic peace, your eter-nal salvation, will depend upon your to believe neither in God, man, nor woman. It is no surprise to me that in theories in regard to artificial stimulus. your profession there are some skeptical I have had so many friends go down un men. I only wonder that you believe der the temptation, their brilliancy quenched, their homes blasted, that er has in his present or in his early cry out this morning in the words of home a model of carnest character or be another, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the

Who Preaches to Reporters' fact no one seems to care for their souls. They feel bitterly about it, though they laugh. People sometimes laugh the loud est when they feel the worst. They are expected to gather up religious proceedings and to discuss religious doctrines cause there was only one chair. Lin-nœus sold his splendid work for a pects them to be saved by the sermons pects them to be saved by the sermons ducat. De Foe, the author of so many they stenograph or by the doctrines they volumes, died penniless. The learned discuss in the editorial columns? The Johnson dined behind a screen because world looks upon them as professional his clothes were too shabby to allow Who preaches to reporters and editors? him to dine with the gentlemen who on Some of them came from religious homes, and when they left the parental plauding his works. And so on down to the present time literary toil is a great they came off with a father's benedicstruggle for bread. The world seems to tion and a mother's prayer. They never have a grudge against a man who, as they say, gets his living by his wits, and the day laborer says to the man of through these great cities homesick. literary toil, "You come down here and Oh, if they only knew what a helpful shove a plane, and hammer a shoe last, thing it is for a man to put his weary and break cobblestones, and earn an head down on the bosom of a sympa honest living as I do instead of sitting thetic Christ! He knows how nervous there in idleness scribbling." But there and tired you are. He has a heart large are no harder worked men in all the enough to take in all your interests for earth than the newspaper people of this this world and the next. Oh, men of the country. It is not a matter of hard newspaper press, you sometimes get sick times; it is characteristic at all times. of this world, it seems so hollow and Men have a better appreciation for that unsatisfying! If there are any people in which appeals to the stomach than for all the earth that need God, you are the

nervous with your work you would just his forehead that he had great mental kneel down and commend your case to capacity. He had entered the newspaper profession. He had gone down in health. of the day and the night and who has summer day, hot and hungry and sick and in despair, he flung himself off the dock. They found in his pocket a reof some one who had loved him long ago. Death, as sometimes it will. smoothed out all the wrinkles that had

world better. I charge you in the name of God, before whom you must account for the tremendous influence you hold in this country, to consecrate yourselves to higher endeavors. You are the men to fight back this invasion of corrupt liter ature. Lift up your right hand and swear new allegiance to the cause of philanthropy and religion. And when at last, standing on the plains of judgment, you look out upon the unnum bered throngs over whom you have had influence, may it be found that you were among the mightiest energies that lifted men upon the exalted pathway that leads to the renown of heaven Better than to have sat in editorial chair, from which, with the finger of type, you decided the destinies of em lires, but decided them vroug, that you had been some dunger ! exile who. by the light of window iron grated, on scraps of a New Testament leaf, picked it. Oh, it is only a case of supply and demand! Newspaper men are not fools. of him who taketh away the sins of the world. In eternity Dives is the beggar. Well, my friends, we will all soon get through writing and printing and proofreading and publishing. What then? Our life is a book. Our years are the chapters. Our months are the paragraphs. Our days are the sentences. Our doubts are the interrogation points, our imitation of others the quotation paper they would prefer to publish, I marks, our attempts at display a dash, death the period, eternity the perora-tion. O God, where will we spend it Have you heard the news, more startling than any found in the journals of the last six weeks? It is the tidings that man is lost. Have you heard the news, the gladdest that was ever announced, coming this day from the throne of God, lightning couriers leaping from the palace gate? The news-the glorious news-that there is pardon for all guilt and comfort for all trouble! Set it up

to the whole race. Added to all that he must have hasty front wheel of the Lord's chariot. I take

cup, when it moveth itself aright, for at the last it biteth like a serpent and Another trial of this profession is the

that which appeals to the brain. They have no idea of the immense financial this day you implore his mercy! A man was found at the foot of Canal paper press. Oh, men of the press, it street, New York. As they picked him

> the window of the morgue and said, "It's nothing but an outcast," but Goo said it was a gigantic soul that perished

in double leaded columns and direct it

Acknowledgments to the Secular Press. And now before I close this sermon, thankfully commemorative of the "Two Thousandth' publication, I wish more fully to acknowledge the services rendered by the secular press in the matter of evangelization. All the secular newspapers of the day-for I am not speaking this morning of the religious newspapers-all the secular newspapers of the day discuss all the questions of God, eternity and the dead, and all the questions of the past, present and future. There is not a single doctrine of theology but has been discussed in the last ten years by the secular newspapers of the country. They gather up all the news of all the earth bearing on religious subjects, and then they scatter the news abroad again. The Christian newspaper will be the right wing of the Apocalyptic angel. The cylinder of the Christianized printing press will be the